

National Fire Weather Report



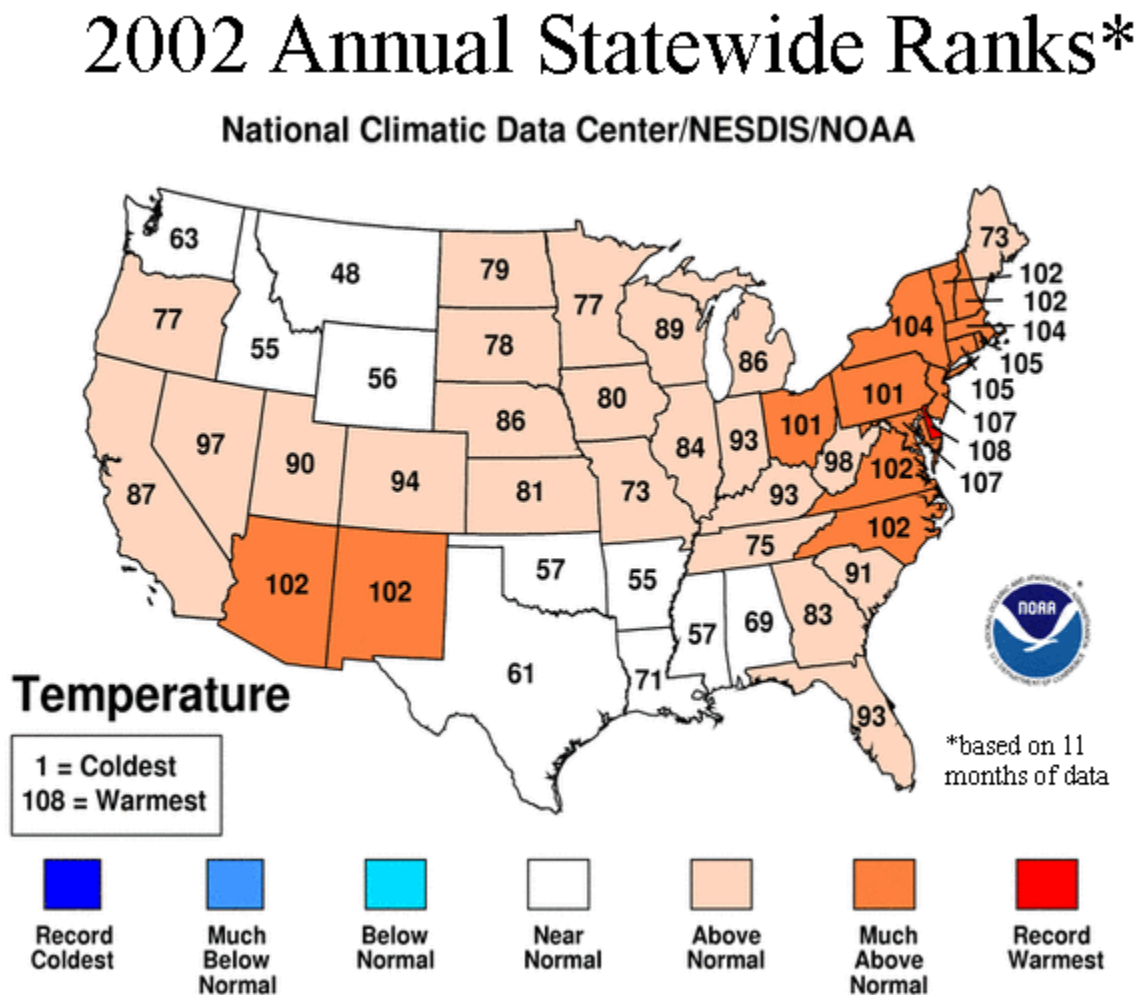
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The climate of 2002 in the United States was characterized by warmer than normal temperatures and below average precipitation that led to persistent or worsening drought throughout much of the nation. The average temperature for the contiguous United States in 2002 is expected to be near 53.6 degrees F (12.0 degrees C), one of the 20 warmest years since national records began in 1895, but significantly cooler than last year, which was the 7th warmest year.

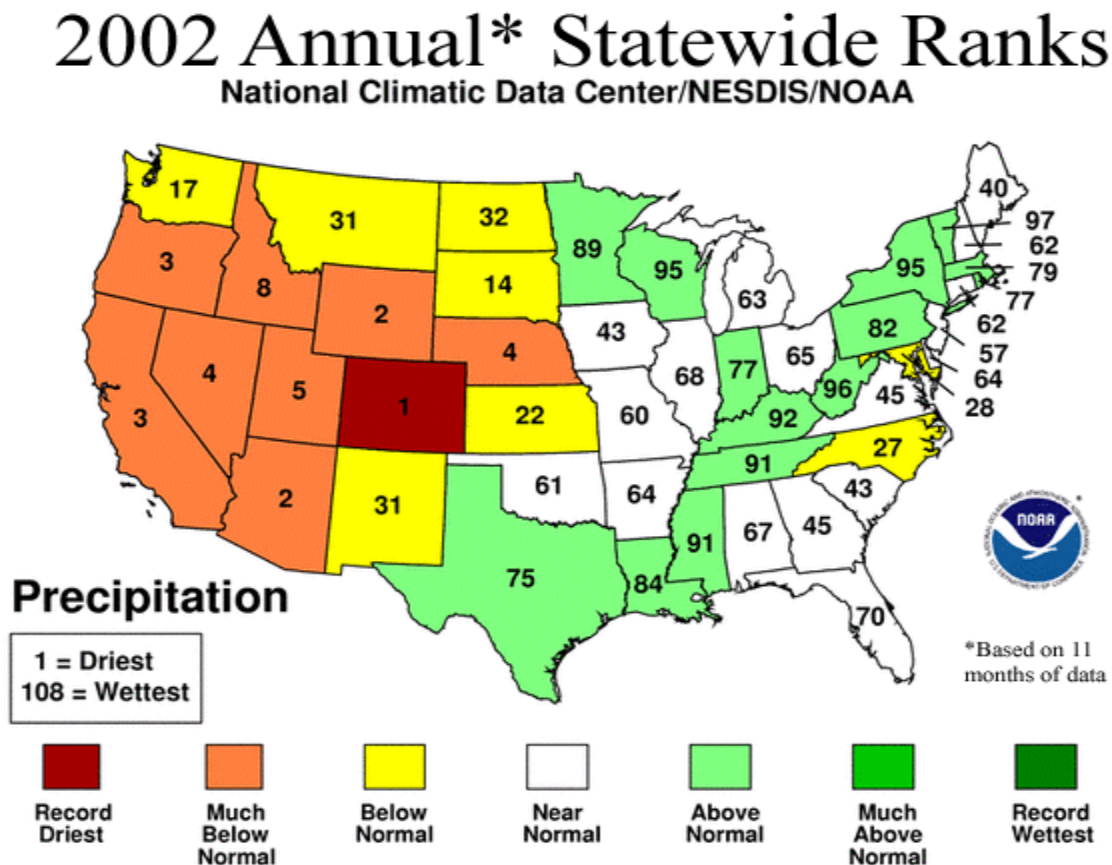
The year 2002 began with another anomalously warm winter, the fourth much warmer-than-average winter in the last five years, and the summer season was one of the warmest since the 1930s. The year 2002 is on pace to be the warmest on record for Delaware and the second warmest* for Maryland and New Jersey. Fourteen other states will likely be much warmer than normal during 2002*. No state in the contiguous US has averaged below normal for the year*.



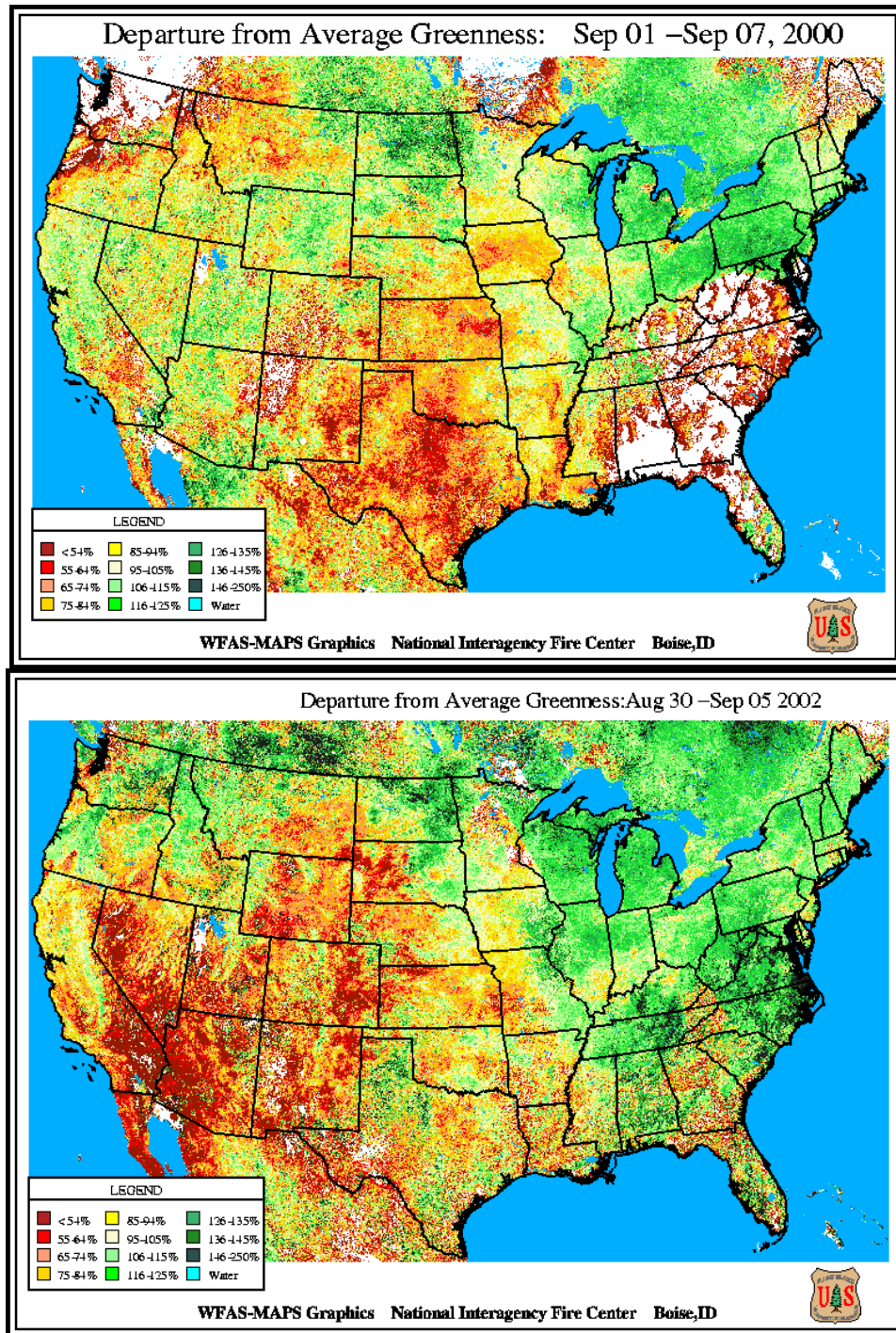
As the year began, moderate to extreme drought covered one-third of the contiguous United States, including much of the eastern seaboard and northwestern United States. The combination of generally warmer- and drier-than-average conditions led to the total drought area growing to slightly more than 50 percent during the summer months, largely due to a rapid intensification of drought in the Southwest. This value fell to 36 percent by the end of November as precipitation from land falling tropical systems and a more active storm track helped alleviate drought in much of the eastern part of the country.

In the western United States where precipitation for 2002 is on pace to set record or near-record lows in many states, the lack of adequate rain and snow and the resulting low snowpack stressed water supplies. The extremely dry conditions contributed to an extremely active wildfire season that included the largest wildfires of the past century for the states of Colorado, Arizona and Oregon.

Precipitation in the United States in 2002 was characterized by extreme dryness in the west, above average wetness in the Mississippi Valley Region and dryness giving way to near average conditions for the east. Colorado is on pace to have its driest year* on record during 2002 and Wyoming and Arizona, their second driest year. Eight states will likely be much drier than normal and the West region as a whole the driest on record.



The ongoing drought, especially in the west, had a large impact on the fuels in the west, with fuel conditions across much of the west drier than they were in the record year of 2000. Below is a comparison of the departure from average greenness for the last week of August/first week of September of the years 2000 and 2002 respectively:



The 2002 fire season was similar to the 2001 season as only a few thunderstorms outbreaks took place across the west. Although the west was drier than previous years, the lack of lightning resulted in less wildfire starts. High pressure over the west for much of the summer kept the thunderstorms out of the region. The main weather concern for much of the summer was wind events as a result of dry cold fronts breaking down the ridge over the west.

The end of April saw the fire season underway in the Southwest as a wind event on April 30th through May 1st fanned the flames of several major fires in Arizona and New Mexico, including the Ryan and Penasco fires. Twenty-one structures were burnt during this event.

In the beginning of June there was a lightning and wind event near the Gila National Forrest, along the New Mexico/Arizona border. Lightning moved over the area on June 1st and 2nd, and gusty winds remained over the area from June 1st through the 4th. The winds subsided, then picked up again from June 7th through the 10th. Major fires resulting in this outbreak were the Spring, Cerro Pelado, Bonita, Turkey and Ponil. Multiple Incident Management Teams were called out to battle these blazes, which eventually burn approximately 110,000 acres.

Gusty wind along the crest of the Rockies hampered firefighting efforts in Colorado during June and early July. In mid-June, the Haymen fire near Denver was started by arson. Winds fanned the flames and eventually 618 structures were burned along with nearly 138,000 acres of wildland

Also in mid-June, dry conditions, record heat and gusty winds contributed to the most massive wildfire in Arizona history as two arson/accidental fires burned together. The Rodeo fire and the Chediski fire burned over 450,000 acres and 400 structures. These fires also caused major air quality issues in Arizona and New Mexico.

In mid-July record dry conditions and gusty winds, along with a lightning event on July 12th and 13th, resulted in Oregon's largest wildfire in its history. Numerous wildfires burned in the state of Oregon, with the largest fire, the Biscuit Complex, burning nearly 500,000 acres as well as 13 structures. Offshore wind events throughout the remainder of July and August, as well as historically dry conditions, made fighting this fire difficult. Relief finally arrived with the fall rains.

IMET/ATMU Dispatches 2002

<i>ATMU</i>	<i>IMET/NWS Office</i>	<i>Incident, Location, State</i>	<i>Dispatch</i>	<i>Return</i>	<i>Days</i>
–	Merrell Newport, NC	Monkey Face Cordesville, SC	2/28/02	3/2/02	3
NM-01	Survick Pocatello, ID	Oversite Hereford, AZ	3/5/02	3/11/02	7
ID-03	Bird El Paso, TX	Kokopelli Ruidoso, NM	3/24/02	3/27/02	4
–	Murdoch Midland, TX	Number 5, #2 Ruidoso, NM	3/24/02	3/27/02	4
AZ-01	Berkovitz Phoenix, AZ	Middle Gila NF, NM	4/4/02	4/12/02	9
	Wachter (T)		4/6/02	4/10/02	5
OR-02	Bunnag Medford, OR	Spring Rx Burns Fremont NF, OR	4/15/02	4/24/02	10
	Stavish Medford, OR		4/24/02	5/1/02	8
	Bunnag Medford, OR		5/6/02	5/11/02	6
–	Zell Tucson, AZ	Merritt Coronado NF, AZ	4/20/02	4/24/02	5
ID-02	Bird El Paso, TX	Center Buenos Aires NWR, AZ	4/24/02	4/25/02	2
CO-01	Krohn Boulder, CO	Snaking Denver, CO	4/24/02	4/30/02	7

ID-01	Zell Tucson, AZ	Ryan Patagonia, AZ	4/30/02	5/4/02	5
AZ-01	Bird El Paso, TX	Penasco Cloudcroft, NM	5/1/02	5/9/02	9
NM-01	Wachter Albuquerque, NM	Dalton Santa Fe NF, NM	5/7/02	5/11/02	5
–	Edmonston Tallahassee, FL	Blackjack Bay Complex Okefenokee NWR, GA	5/8/02	5/21/02	14
	Davis (T) Tampa Bay, FL		5/15/02	5/22/02	8
AZ-01	Wachter Albuquerque, NM	Indian Prescott, AZ	5/16/02	5/21/02	6
–	Stavish Medford, OR	Southwest Pre-Placement Albuquerque, NM	5/17/02	5/22/02	6
–	Stubblefield Flagstaff, AZ	Tram near Clints Well, AZ	5/20/02	5/23/02	4
–	Zell Tucson, AZ	Bullock Near Tucson, AZ	5/21/02	5/31/02	11
	Berkovitz Phoenix, AZ		5/30/02	6/05/02	7
	Milne (T) Reno, NV		5/30/02	6/05/02	7
–	Moore Pueblo, CO	Schoonover near Deckers, CO	5/22/02	5/28/02	7
NM-01	Wachter Albuquerque, NM	Borrego near Cordova, NM	5/23/02	6/01/02	10
	Wallman (T) Elko, NV		5/26/02	6/02/02	8
–	Richmond Fairbanks, AK	West Fork Chena near Chena Hot Springs, AK	5/26/02	5/30/02	5

–	Redman Boise, ID		5/28/02	6/3/02	7
–	Survick Pocatello, ID	Nizhoni Moab BLM, UT	6/02/02	6/10/02	9
CA-06	Rolinski Riverside IFFWU	Wolf near Ojai, CA	6/3/02	6/14/02	12
ID-02	Krohn Boulder, CO	Iron Mountain near Westcliffe, CO	6/3/02	6/08/02	6
NM-01	Wachter Albuquerque, NM	Middle Ponil Complex near Cimmaron, NM	6/4/02	6/13/02	10
–	Murdoch Midland, TX		6/12/02	6/19/02	8
–	Chamberlain Grand Junction, CO	Trinidad Complex near Trinidad, CO	6/7/02	6/13/02	7
–	Bird El Paso, TX		6/12/02	6/15/02	4
CA-02	Bean Hanford, CA	Copper Fire near Saugus, CA	6/7/02	6/10/02	4
CO-01	Lipson Riverton, WY	Coal Seam near Glennwood Springs, CO	6/9/02	6/24/02	16
–	Maier Juneau, AK		6/23/02	7/11/02	19
–	Hutsell (T) Atlanta, GA		6/13/02	6/18/02	6
ID-03	Moore Pueblo, CO	South Hayman near Lake George, CO	6/9/02	6/21/02	13
	Pelton (T) Jackson, KY		6/13/02	6/26/02	14
	Wright Missoula, MT		6/20/02	7/3/02	14

	Proud (T) Boise, ID		6/25/02	7/3/02	9
–	Redman Boise, ID	Cherry near Grants, NM	6/10/02	6/15/02	6
–	Carter Spokane, WA	Big Wash/Sanford near Cedar City, UT	6/10/02	6/21/02	12
–	Brenchley (T) Salt Lake City, UT		6/12/02	6/23/02	12
–	Birch WRHQ, SLC, UT		6/21/02	6/30/02	10
–	Davis (T) Tampa Bay, FL		6/23/02	6/30/02	8
–	Krohn Boulder, CO	North Hayman near Lake George, CO	6/13/02	6/25/02	13
–	Stubblefield Flagstaff, AZ	Montoya near Canjilon, NM	6/13/02	6/17/02	5
ID-02	Ammerman Louisville, KY	Walker near Nogales, AZ	6/14/02	6/19/02	6
AZ-01	Berkovitz Phoenix, AZ	Roybal Complex near Pecos, NM	6/14/02	6/20/02	7
–	Wachter Albuquerque, NM		6/20/02	6/23/02	4
–	Bird El Paso, TX	Missionary Ridge near Durango, CO	6/15/02	6/25/02	11
–	Hutsell (T) Atlanta, GA		6/18/02	6/28/02	11
–	Chamberlain Grand Junction, CO		6/24/02	7/7/02	14
CA-01	Paulson Minneapolis, MN		6/29/02	7/12/02	14

CA-06	Coffer Riverside IFFWU, CA	Bluecut near Oak Hills, CA	6/17/02	6/22/02	6
–	Shameson (T) Riverside IFFWU, CA		6/17/02	6/22/02	6
–	Newmerzhycky Sacramento, CA	Cannon near Bridgeport, CA	6/19/02	6/26/02	8
–	Milne (T) Reno, NV		6/19/02	6/25/02	7
–	Zell Tucson, AZ	Rodeo near Cibecue, AZ	6/20/02	7/1/02	12
–	Daugherty Cheyenne, WY	Hensel/Reese Mountain near Wheatland, WY	6/20/02	7/4/02	15
–	Prange Seattle, WA	Reese Mountain Fire near Wheatland, WY	7/2/02	7/9/02	8
–	Bennett Spokane, WA	East Hayman Fire near Lake George, CO	6/21/02	6/22/02	2
OR-03	Solomon Pendleton, OR	Million Fire near South Fork, CO	6/22/02	7/3/02	12
	Wallman (T) Elko, NV		6/24/02	7/3/02	10
–	Meffert Paducah, KY	SACC Support Atlanta, GA	6/21/02	7/2/02	12
–	Stubblefield Flagstaff, AZ	Chediski Fire near Cibecue, AZ	6/24/02	7/5/02	12
AZ-01	Berkovitz Phoenix, AZ	Rodeo Fire near Cibecue, AZ	6/24/02	7/1/02	8
–	Bunnag Medford, OR	Rattle Fire/Price Canyon near Green River, UT	6/25/02	7/6/02	12

CA-05	Tobin Pendleton, OR	Rattle Complex near Green River, UT	7/2/02	7/12/02	11
–	Brenchley (T) Salt Lake City, UT		7/6/02	7/12/02	7
ID-03	Redman Boise, ID		7/15/02	7/22/02	8
ID-03	Davis Tampa Bay, FL		7/20/02	7/29/02	10
ID-03	Wachter Albuquerque, NM		7/28/02	7/31/02	5
ID-01	Murdoch Midland, TX	Chediski Fire near Cibecue, AZ	6/26/02	7/4/02	9
–	Coffer Riverside IFFWU CA	Louisiana Fire near Devore, CA	6/26/02	6/30/02	5
–	Dean Eureka, CA	East Fork Fire near Evanston, WY	6/30/02	7/13/02	14
–	Harrison Las Vegas, NV		7/12/02	7/18/02	7
–	Milne (T) Reno, NV		7/15/02	7/22/02	8
MT-01	Nester Missoula, MT	Grizzly Gulch Fire near Deadwood, SD	7/1/02	7/9/02	9
–	Balfour (T) San Diego, CA		7/4/02	7/8/02	5
KY-02	Lipson Riverton, WY	Daley Complex near Gillette, WY	6/30/02	7/5/02	6
–	Bird El Paso, TX	Carrizo #1 Fire near Teec Nos Pos, AZ	7/2/02	7/5/02	4
MN-01	Saltenberger Portland, OR	Mustang Fire near Dutch John, UT	7/3/02	7/9/02	7

–	Baker Riverton, WY	South Fork II Fire near Fort Washakie, WY	7/3/02	7/13/02	11
–	Richmond Fairbanks, AK	Kraft Complex near Bismarck, ND	7/6/02	7/11/02	6
ID-02	Lipson Riverton, WY	Broad Fire Yellowstone NP, WY	7/11/02	7/26/02	16
–	Borsum (T) Billings, MT		7/16/02	7/26/02	11
OR-01	Weishaar Portland, OR	Eyerly Fire near Madras, OR	7/13/02	7/27/02	15
MT-02	Wright Missoula, MT	Fox Creek Fire near Babb, MT	7/13/02	7/24/02	12
–	Meier (T) Great Falls, MT		7/17/02	7/24/02	8
–	Survick Pocatello, ID	Mule Fire near Daniel, WY	7/13/02	7/25/02	13
OR-03	Tobin Pendleton, OR	Monument Fire near Unity, OR	7/14/02	7/27/02	14
OR-03	Richmond Fairbanks, AK		7/26/02	7/30/02	5
OR-03	Tobin Pendleton, OR		7/30/02	8/1/02	3
–	Chamberlain Grand Junction, CO	Burn Canyon Fire near Norwood, CO	7/14/02	7/22/02	9
–	Rolinski Riverside GACC, CA	Garnet Fire near Pine Valley, CA	7/14/02	7/16/02	3
CA-01	Snook Redding GACC, CA	Muldoon Complex near Alturas, CA	7/15/02	7/17/02	3
OR-02	Stavish Medford, OR	Grizzly Complex near Lakeview, OR	7/15/02	7/25/02	11

WA-02	Bennett Spokane, WA	Tiller Complex near Tiller, OR	7/15/02	7/27/02	13
–	Querciagrossa (T) Seattle, WA		7/19/02	7/26/02	8
OR-02	Bunnag Medford, OR		7/26/02	8/8/02	14
–	Weishaar Portland, OR		8/7/02	8/20/02	14
–	Querciagrossa Seattle, WA		8/19/02	8/27/02	9
OR-01	Saltenberger Portland, OR		8/27/02	9/7/02	12
–	Carter Spokane, WA	Mahogany Mt. Fire near Jordan Valley, OR	7/16/02	7/21/02	6
CA-02	Bean Hanford, CA	Lost Cabin Fire near Las Vegas, NV	7/16/02	7/20/02	5
OR-01	Bunnag Medford, OR	Squire Peak near Klamath Falls, OR	7/16/02	7/20/02	5
CA-07	Newmerzhycky Sacramento, CA	Winter Fire near Paisley, OR	7/17/02	7/27/02	11
–	Dean Eureka, CA		7/26/02	8/7/02	13
–	Harrison Las Vegas, NV	Hinman Fire near Steamboat Springs, CO	7/18/02	7/23/02	6
UT-01	Brenchley Salt Lake City, UT	Canyons Complex near Blanding, UT	7/19/02	7/25/02	7
–	Bauk Pendleton, OR	John Day Area Command John Day, OR	7/19/02	7/25/02	7

–	Birch WRHQ, SLC, UT		7/23/02	8/2/02	11
MN-01	Nester Missoula, MT	Malheur Complex near Prairie City, OR	7/19/02	8/2/02	15
–	Wilkinson (T) Charleston, SC		7/26/02	8/1/02	7
OR-03	Tobin Pendleton, OR		8/1/02	8/9/02	9
WA-01	Prange Seattle, WA	Deer Point Fire near Chelan, WA	7/19/02	7/31/02	13
–	Meier (T) Great Falls, MT		7/27/02	8/4/02	9
–	Carter Spokane, WA		7/29/02	8/6/02	9
ID-01	Richmond Fairbanks, AK	Flagtail Fire near Seneca, OR	7/19/02	7/26/02	8
–	Evenson Burlington, VT	Biscuit Complex near Cave Junction, OR	7/19/02	7/30/02	12
–	Harrison Las Vegas, NV	Florence Fire near Cave Junction, OR	7/29/02	8/11/02	14
–	Pelatti (T) Spokane, WA		8/8/02	8/21/02	14
WA-01	Prange Seattle, WA	Biscuit Fire Zone 1 near Cave Junction, OR	8/10/02	8/21/02	12
OR-03	Tobin Pendleton, OR		8/20/02	8/24/02	5
–	Daugherty Cheyenne, WY	Big Elk Fire near Estes Park, CO	7/19/02	7/27/02	9

CA-03	Bird El Paso, TX	Tool Box Fire near Lakeview, OR	7/21/02	8/2/02	13
–	Wallman Elko, NV	747 Fire near Paulina, OR	7/20/02	7/31/02	11
–	Pelton Jackson, KY	Lost Green Complex near Steamboat Springs, CO	7/21/02	7/29/02	9
CA-02	Bean Hanford, CA	McNalley Fire near Kernville, CA	7/23/02	8/3/02	12
–	Rolinski Riverside IFFWU, CA		8/2/02	8/10/02	9
–	Snook Redding IFFWU, CA		8/10/02	8/15/02	6
–	Shameson Riverside IFFWU, CA		8/14/02	8/15/02	2
–	Stubblefield Flagstaff, AZ		8/16/02	8/26/02	11
–	Hilgendorf (T) Oxnard, CA		8/20/02	8/31/02	12
CA-02	Bean Hanford, CA		8/25/02	9/4/02	11
KY-02	Messick Pocatello, ID	Garden Valley Complex near Garden Valley, ID	7/25/02	7/31/02	7
KY-02	Weishaar Portland, OR		7/30/02	8/1/02	3
KY-02	Ammerman Louisville, KY		8/1/02	8/12/02	12
CA-06	Paulson Minneapolis, MN	Skunk Fire near Sprague River, OR	7/26/02	8/2/02	8
–	Milne Reno, NV	Sheldon Ridge Fire near Mosier, OR	7/26/02	8/1/02	7

–	Saltenberger Portland, OR	NW MAC Portland, OR	7/28/02	8/9/02	13
OR-01	Wright Missoula, MT	Cache Mt Fire near Sisters, OR	7/29/02	8/4/02	7
CA-01	Graham Redding IFFWU, CA	Sour Biscuit Fire near Crescent City, CA	7/30/02	8/12/02	14
CA-01	Lester Marquette, MI	Biscuit Fire Zone 2 near Crescent City, CA	8/10/02	8/21/02	12
OR-02	Bunnag Medford, OR	Biscuit Fire Zone 2 and 3 near Grants Pass, OR	8/20/02	9/2/02	14
OR-02	Stavish Medford, OR		9/1/02	9/14/02	14
ID-02	Hibbert Buffalo, NY	Biscuit Fire near Gold Beach, OR	9/12/02	9/19/02	8
ID-02	Saltenberger Portland, OR		9/17/02	9/30/02	14
--	Borsum (T) Billings, MT		9/21/02	9/30/02	10
ID-02	Borsum Billings, MT		9/30/02	10/4/02	5
ID-02	Pelatti Spokane, WA		10/3/02	10/11/02	9
–	Solomon Pendleton, OR	Lucky Fire near Detroit, OR	7/31/02	8/2/02	3
CA-04	Coffer Riverside IFFWU, CA	Pines Fire near Julian, CA	7/31/02	8/5/02	6
–	Zell Tucson, AZ		8/5/02	8/12/02	8

–	Stavish Medford, OR	Timbered Rock Fire near Shady Cove, OR	8/3/02	8/7/02	5
–	Querciagrossa Seattle, WA	West Florence Fire near Grants Pass, OR	8/5/02	8/12/02	8
–	Stavish Medford, OR	Biscuit Fire Zone 3 near Grants Pass, OR	8/11/02	8/16/02	6
ID-03	Redman Boise, ID	Hemlock Fire near Westfir, OR	8/10/02	8/14/02	5
CA-07	Smith Sacramento, CA	Biscuit Fire Zone 4 near Gold Beach, OR	8/11/02	8/21/02	11
ID-02	Meffert Paducah, KY		8/19/02	8/29/02	11
–	Franks (T) Wilmington, OH		8/26/02	9/7/02	13
ID-02	Dean Eureka, CA		8/28/02	9/11/02	15
UT-01	Nester Missoula, MT	Little Horse Fire near Salmon, ID	8/16/02	8/20/02	5
–	Messick Pocatello, ID	Frank Church Complex near Salmon, ID	8/20/02	8/30/02	11
MT-01	Wright Missoula, MT	Sheep Creek Fire near Wisdom, MT	8/16/02	8/24/02	9
–	Chamberlain Grand Junction, CO	Big Fish Fire near Steamboat Springs, CO	8/17/02	8/21/02	5
–	Saltenberger Portland, OR	NW MAC Support Portland, OR	8/19/02	8/24/02	6
–	Pelton Jackson, KY	Battle Creek Fire near Rapid City, SD	8/20/02	8/25/02	6

–	Carter Spokane, WA	Apple Fire near Glide, OR	8/21/02	8/29/02	9
–	Balfour (T) San Diego, CA		8/23/02	9/3/02	12
WA-02	Bennett Spokane, WA		8/29/02	9/8/02	11
–	Proud (T) Boise, ID		9/4/02	9/8/02	5
WA-02	Proud Boise, ID	Tiller Complex near Tiller, OR	9/8/02	9/12/02	5
--	Newmerzhycky Sacramento, CA		9/11/02	9/22/02	12
OR-02	Stavish Medford, OR		9/24/02	10/2/02	9
--	Tonkin (T) Eureka, CA		9/24/02	9/30/02	7
–	Meier Great Falls, MT	Kelly Creek Fire near Riggins, ID	8/21/02	8/25/02	5
ID-03	Krohn Boulder, CO	Mt Zirkel Complex near Steamboat Springs, CO	8/21/02	8/27/02	7
ID-03	Moore Pueblo, CO		8/28/02	9/9/02	13
–	Schatz (T) Charleston, WV		8/31/02	9/9/02	10
UT-01	Brenchley Salt Lake City, UT	Garder Fire near Duchesne, UT	8/21/02	8/28/02	8
–	Baker Riverton, WY	Pass Creek Fire near Lander, WY	8/26/02	9/4/02	10
–	Wallman Elko, NV	Cottonwood Fire near Marysville, UT	8/27/02	9/1/02	6

–	Birch WRHQ, SLC, UT		8/27/02	9/1/02	4
AZ-01	Zell Tucson, AZ	Pack Rat Fire near Pine, AZ	8/26/02	9/3/02	9
NM-01	Wachter Albuquerque, NM	Lakes Complex near Albuquerque, NM	8/26/02	9/3/02	9
CA-06	Shameson Riverside IFFWU, CA	Lytle Fire near Rancho Cucamonga, CA	9/1/02	9/3/02	3
–	Chamberlain Grand Junction, CO	Commisary Ridge Fire near Kemmerer, WY	9/2/02	9/7/02	6
WA-01	Prange Seattle, WA	Office Bridge Fire near Oakridge, OR	9/3/02	9/10/02	8
CA-06	Shameson Riverside IFFWU, CA	Curve Fire near Asuza, CA	9/3/02	9/13/02	11
CA-01	Snook Redding, CA	Squirrel Fire near Whitmore, CA	9/3/02	9/7/02	5
MT-02	Meier Great Falls, MT	Kraft Spring Fire near Ekalaka, MT	9/4/02	9/9/02	6
MN-01	Paulson Minneapolis, MN	East Gunflint RX Burn near Grand Marais, MN	9/4/02	9/6/02	3
MN-01	Paulson Minneapolis, MN		9/9/02	9/12/02	4
MN-01	Lipson Riverton, WY		9/11/02	9/20/02	9
WA-02	Bennett Spokane, WA	Ewe Neck Fire near Yakima, WA	9/14/02	9/17/02	4
--	Pelatti (T) Spokane, WA		9/14/02	9/17/02	4

--	Shameson Riverside IFFWU CA	Williams Fire near Azusa, CA	9/24/02	10/1/02	8
CA-07	Smith Sacramento, CA	Croy Fire near Morgan Hill, CA	9/24/02	10/2/02	9

IMET Incident Response Summary

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>FIRES</i>	<i>ACRES</i>	<i>IMET DISPATCHES</i>	<i>IMET DAYS</i>	<i>IMET HOURS</i>
<i>1987</i>	71,300	2,447,296	87	587	8,218
<i>1988</i>	72,750	5,009,290	123	912	12,768
<i>1989</i>	48,949	1,827,310	58	344	4,816
<i>1990</i>	66,481	4,621,621	42	264	3,696
<i>1991</i>	75,754	2,953,578	29	171	2,394
<i>1992</i>	87,394	2,069,926	42	261	3,654
<i>1993</i>	58,810	1,797,547	15	89	1,246
<i>1994</i>	79,107	4,073,579	117	954	13,356
<i>1995</i>	82,234	1,840,546	27	201	2,814
<i>1996</i>	96,363	6,065,998	106	781	10,934
<i>1997</i>	66,196	2,856,959	15	94	1,316
<i>1998</i>	81,043	2,329,704	94	951	13,314
<i>1999</i>	83,885	5,289,190	65	645	9,030
<i>2000</i>	92,250	7,393,493	204	1,565	21,910
<i>2001</i>	84,079	3,570,911	112	924	12,936
<i>2002</i>	73,423	7,182,979	174	1490	20,860
<i>'87-'02 Average</i>	<i>76,251</i>	<i>3,833,120</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>640</i>	<i>8,954</i>
<i>'93-'02 Average</i>	<i>79,739</i>	<i>4,240,091</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>769</i>	<i>10,772</i>

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- Top: The number of IMETs out on a daily basis for 2002. For comparison, the average (1993-2001) and the maximum (1993-2001) is given.
- Bottom: Number of IMET dispatches for each region, given as a percentage. Also included is the California GACCs and the Staff Meteorologist to NIFC (NWSHQ).

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- Dispatches versus acres burned and number of wildfires. There is a correlation of fewer fires burning more acres. As acreage burned has gone up, so has IMET dispatches.

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- Average and Maximum IMET dispatches (1993-2002) for each region.
- Peak times for each region:
 - Western: July 20th through September 7th.
 - Central Region: June 24th through July 9th.
 - Southern Region: May 13th through July 16th.
 - Eastern Region: October 31st through November 8th.
 - Alaska Region: May 26th through August 8th.
 - Pacific Region: none
 - National: July 30th through September 7th.

Miscellaneous Statistics:

- Incident Teams prefer the closest resource.
 - Average distance of IMET travel (2002): 319 miles
 - Average distance of IMET travel (2000): 446 miles
 - Improvement: 28.5%
- Agencies' desired response time is within 24 hours of a request.
 - Average time from IMET request to arrival on a fire (2002): 10.4 hours.

